Opening a canal at Thaikkattuserry.

19. **MR. N R. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any proposal for opening a canal (at the 18th mile on the Alleppey-Arur road) from Thaikattuserry backwater to Pozhichal;

(*b*) when they received it;

(*c*) the length of the canal;

(*d*) whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the place and submitted any report;

(*e*) on what all occasions and by whom;

(*f*) whether plan and estimate of the said canal have been prepared;

(*g*) whether the estimate has been approved by the Government;

(*h*) whether they have received from the public any proposal to the effect that they will open the canal at one-third of the estimated amount, if the site is acquired by the Government;

(*i*) whether they have taken any agreement to that effect from the public;

(*j*) whether they have acquired the site in accordance with that; and

(*k*) if not, whether there is any reason for not acquiring the site?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1924.

(*c*) About 6850 feet.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 8-3-35 by Mr. G. B. E. Truscott.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The public have agreed to carry out earth work at ⅓ of the estimated cost.

(*i*) Yes.

(*j*) No.

(*k*) For want of funds.

Old Market at Nadayara.

20. **MR. P. S. MUHAMMED:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reasons for refusing the issue of licence to the old market at Nadayara;

(*b*) the year in which the old market lost its licence;

(*c*) whether the owner of the old market preferred an appeal;

(*d*) the decision of the Government on the appeal:

(*e*) the date of the decision;

(*f*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table the report of the Land Revenue Commissioner on the question under dispute; and

(*g*) the name of the owner of the old market?

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MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) Since it was considered that its existence would adversely affect the income from the Reghunathapurom public market in Survey No. 3945 of Warkala pakuthi.

(*b*) 1114.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The appeal was dismissed.

(*e*) 7-3-1939.

(*f*) Government regret their inability to do so.

(*g*) Abduraham Haji Abdul Karim.

State nent showing the number of e nployees in the State Transport Department.

21. **MR. P. S. MUHAMMED:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table (*a*) a statement of the number of employees in the Transport Department in the following designations and showing the number of Muslim employees coming under each designation :

(1) Inspectors of all the grades ;

(2) Clerks of all the grades ;

(3) Drivers ; and

(4) Conductors.

(*b*) a statement of the number of employees in the Transport Department other than those enumerated in sub question (*a*) showing their designations and showing the number of Muslim employees among them ; and

(*c*) the number of Muslim applicants who applied for posts in each sections in the Transport Department ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The recruitment is not based on communal representation.

Recruitment of employees in the Transport Department.

22. **MR. P. S. MUHAMMED:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any rule prescribed for the recruitment of employees in the Transport Department ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the method of recruitment adopted by the head of the Department ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative will they be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the rules prescribed for the recruitment ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Applicants are interviewed personally and recruited, with due regard to efficiency, qualification and experience.

(*c*) Does not arise.

List by caste of persons employed in the Public Service.

23. **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR:** Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the following facts :

(*a*) a list, by caste, of persons who were employed in the public service of the various departments *viz.*, on 15th June 1935 and

(*b*) a list, by caste, of acting hands of 3 years' unbroken service and who got exemption from Public Service Recruitment Rules which came into force in June 1935 ?

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